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SELECTIVELY INSULATED ELECTRODE

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In Response to the Office Action made final mailed July 9, 2002 from the United States Patent Office, Applicants hereby submit the following Remarks. Applicants believe that the present filing necessitates no fee. However, should fees and/or extensions of time to respond to the Office Action be required, please consider this conditional authorization to charge deposit account no. 20-0531 and a conditional petition for the required extension of time. Please consider the following remarks.

### AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 7-10 and 22-25 without prejudice to further prosecution in this or a related case.